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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Gary L. Laxton

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 January 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/11/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Inventorship

1. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Specification

2. The specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 3-5 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 3 recites the limitation "the capacitor" in line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 4 recites the limitation "the primary side" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 4 recites the limitation "the secondary side" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 4 recites the limitation "a capacitor" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Line 2 also recited "a capacitor"; are these the same capacitor or two different capacitors?

Claim 5 recites the limitation "the capacitor" in line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-3 and 5-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by (Admitted Prior Art Figure 9).

Fig 9 discloses switching section (103-106); transformer (107); synchronous rectifier section (108, 109); smoothing section (110, 111); PWM circuit (114); drive transformer (121);

auxiliary power supply (115); first and second drive switches (116, 117 or 118, 119); primary capacitor (120).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over (Admitted Prior Art Figure 9) in view of Priegnitz (US 6,069,802).

APA fig 9 discloses the claimed subject matter in regards to claim 1 supra, except for the drive transformer control circuit is connected via a [second] capacitor to the secondary side of said drive transformer.

Priegnitz teaches coupling the output pulses of the controller through a capacitor (C2) of the isolation transformer (T2). The capacitor (C2) differentiates the pulse to provide a positive pulse at the rising edge, and a negative pulse at the falling edge.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify APA fig 9 to include a drive transformer control circuit that is connected via a [second] capacitor to the secondary side of said drive transformer as taught by Priegnitz in order to differentiate the pulse to provide a positive pulse at the rising edge, and a negative pulse at the falling edge.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US 6,771,518 Orr et al disclose a dc converter having primary and secondary winding connected in series with capacitors; US 6,711,035 Tomioka discloses a switching power supply with transformer isolation for the synchronous rectification control; US 6,674,658 Mao et al disclose a power converter with a capacitor connected in series to a secondary side winding of a transformer; US 6,049,471 Korcharz et al disclose a synchronous rectification switching power supply with a capacitor in series to a secondary side winding; US 5,619,403 Ishkawa et al disclose a power supply with synchronous rectification and control thereof through isolation transformers.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary L. Laxton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2079. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Karl Easthom can be reached on (571) 272-1989. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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